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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 November 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 11/24/06 has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1 – 3, 5 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Kokubo (US 2003/0119562).

With respect to claim 1, Kokubo disclose a portable communication apparatus **100**, comprising: a) first housing **160** including an open space surrounding display **142** and a pair of hinge supports **140**, the open space having at least one opening, the hinge supports extending longitudinally and surrounding opposite sides of the open space; b)

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a hinge axis extending across the open space, paragraph [0039]; c) a second housing **120** including a first display **122** [0038], rotatably connected to the first housing **160** to open from and close to the first housing; and d) a third housing surrounding including a second display **142**, extending in a longitudinal direction of the second housing **120** to be accommodated in the open space to enable the third housing to rotate about the hinge axis **140**; the first display and second display always facing upward in the same direction(See Fig.1A, displays **122** and **143** are facing upward in the open position; wherein the second display **142** is always exposed regardless of an open and closed states of the second housing to the first housing **160**.

With respect to claim 2, Kokubo discloses the portable communication apparatus **100** according to claim 1, wherein the first housing **160** has an upper surface including a plurality of keys and a microphone **108**, and the second housing **120** has a lower surface including a speaker device **104**.

With respect to claim 3, Kokubo discloses the portable communication apparatus **100** according to claim 1, wherein the third housing surrounding second display **142** is integrally connected to the second housing **120**.

With respect to claim 5, Kokubo discloses the portable communication apparatus **100**, comprising: a first housing **160** including an open space between the pair of hinge supports in hinge module **140**, the open space having at least one opening, the hinge

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supports extending longitudinally and surrounding opposite sides of the open space; a hinge axis extending across the open space; a second housing **120** including a first display and a second display located integrally connected to a second housing **120**; wherein said first display **122** and said second display **142** are looked upward the same direction, and said second display is always exposed regardless of an open and closed states of the second housing to the first housing **[0039]**.

With respect to claim 6, Kokubo discloses the portable communication apparatus 100 according to claim 5, wherein the first housing 160 has an upper surface including a plurality of keys 162 and a microphone 108, and wherein the second housing 120 has the lower surface including a speaker device 104.

With respect to claim 7, Kokubo discloses the portable communication apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the second display 142 is integrally connected to the second housing 120.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

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5. Claims 4 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kokubo (US 2003/0119562 A1) in view of Kido (US 2001/0016508).

With respect to claim 4, Kokubo discloses the portable communication apparatus according to claim 1, however Kokubo does not specifically disclose wherein a lower surface of the third housing protrudes from the lower surface of the second housing with a stepped shape.

The Kido reference however discloses a secondary display **102** located on a third housing unit **109** wherein the third housing is protruding from the lower surface of the second housing **105**.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to implement a protruding surface to house the secondary display as disclosed by Kido in order to properly view the display while the apparatus is in the "closed" position.

With respect to claim 8, Kokubo discloses the portable communication apparatus according to claim 5, however Kokubo does not disclose wherein a bottom portion of the second housing protrudes from a top portion of the second housing with a stepped shape.

The Kido reference however discloses a secondary display **102** located on a third housing unit **109** wherein the third housing is protruding from the lower surface of the second housing **105**.

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It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to implement a protruding surface to house the secondary display as disclosed by Kido in order to properly view the display while the apparatus is in the "closed" position.

The Kokubo and Kido references are analogous art because both references disclose electronic apparatuses, which are of the foldable type.

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-8 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

With respect to applicant's arguments regarding claim 1, the applicant claims that the first display 212 and second display 310 of the present invention always face upward in the same direction, regardless of whether the first display 212 is open or closed, however upon observing Fig.4 of the application, the second display 310 is facing in an upward direction, while first display is facing an opposite direction.

Conclusion

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Richard Chan whose telephone number is (571) 272-0570. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon - Fri (9AM - 5PM).

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nay Maung can be reached on (571)272-7882. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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